

STATE OF WASHINGTON

ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

PO Box 43172 • Olympia, Washington 98504-3172

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC and WAC 197-11-340

For the

SUMAS 2 GENERATION FACILITY

REQUEST TO TERMINATE THE SITE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT

Description of current proposal: The Sumas 2 Generation Facility, a proposed 660 megawatt natural gas-powered project and associated electrical transmission line and natural gas pipeline was to be located in the City of Sumas and northern Whatcom County, Washington. Governor Locke approved the Sumas 2 Generation Facility on August 23, 2002. Due to the inability to build a connecting electrical transmission line in British Columbia and the high price of natural gas the project proponent has decided not to construct the project and has requested EFSEC terminate the Site Certification Agreement.

Proponents:

Sumas Energy 2, Inc. 335 Parkplace, Suite 110 Kirkland, WA 98033 Phone: (425) 889-1000

Address and location of proposal: The Sumas 2 Generation Facility's combustion turbines were to be located in the industrial zone of the town of Sumas, Washington. An associated electrical transmission line was to be located from the project through the town of Sumas to the Canadian border. A natural gas line in was to parallel an existing natural gas line in Whatcom County.

Titles of documents that have been previously adopted: The lead agency issued the Sumas 2 Generation Facility Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements for its review of the Project application for site certification.

Previously Adopted documents are available for inspection at: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, 925 Plum Street NE, Olympia, Washington, 98504-3172, Monday through Friday (excluding state holidays), from 8 am to 5 pm, and on the EFSEC web site at www.efsec.wa.gov.

Determination of Nonsignificance: This threshold determination is based on the information contained in the following documents and other information on file with the lead agency:

- Request for termination of the Sumas 2 Generation Facility, from Sumas 2 letter dated March 28, 2006 (available for inspection at www.efsec.wa.gov/Sumas2.html or the EFSEC office);
- Request for termination of the Site Certification Agreement for the Sumas Energy 2 Generation Facility Environmental Checklist, April 24, 2006 also available on the EFSEC website listed above.

Lead agency action: Action on this proposal will be consistent with Chapter 463-66 WAC. The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council may take action to approve or deny this request following public comment during a Special Meeting as follows:

2:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2006 WSU Cooperative Extension, Building 4 925 Plum Street SE Olympia, Washington 98501

Public Comment: This DNS is issued pursuant to Chapter 463-47 WAC and WAC 197-11-340. Comments on the request to terminate the Site Certification Agreement will be taken at the Special Meeting as noted above.

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ĭ There is no agency appeal.

Date: April 24, 2006

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Attachment: Environmental Checklist